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1. UNDER THE HEADING "SPOKESMAN DENIES BASELESS ALLEGATION", JULY 9 ETHIOPIAN MEDIA TERMED SUDAN NEWS AGENCY STORY ON ETHIOPIAN PARTICIPATION IN SUDANESE COUP ATTEMPT AS "OBVIOUSLY GROUNDLESS". MININFO SPOKESMAN SAID IT WAS "INCONCEIVABLE" THAT ETHIOPIA WOULD ALLOW ANY GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING THAT OF LIBYA, TO ESTABLISH CAMPS AND TRAIN MERCENARIES ON ITS SOIL WITH A VIEW TO SUBVERTING THE GOVERNMENT OF A BROTHERLY PEOPLE SUCH AS THE SUDAN. SPOKESMAN NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT ETHIOPIAN NATIONALS LOCATED IN SEVERAL ARAB COUNTRIES, INCLUDING LIBYA AND THE SUDAN, ARE BING AIDED AND ABETTED BY "WELL-KNOWN" REACTIONARY QUARTERS" WITH A VIEW TO DIVIDING ETHIOPIA AND UNDERMINING ITS REVOLUTION.

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